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SUBJ 55TH ECOSOC: ITEM 22-UNITED NATIONS DISASTER

RELIEF COORDINATOR

1. MEMBER ECOSOC DEL WITH MISOFF CALLED ON UNDRC
BERKOL JULY 18 FOR DISCUSSION UNDRC STATEMENT AT ECOSOC
MEETING NEXT WEEK AND TO SOUND UNDRC OUT INFORMALLY ON
VIEWS RE POSSIBLE MOVE OF UNDRO TO NEW YORK. ROSSBOROUGH
OF UNDRO ALSO PRESENT.

2. BERKOL INDICATED HE EXPECTED IN STATEMENT TO EXPAND SOMEWHAT
MATERIAL OUTLINED IN REPORT TO SYG (A/9063) BUT DID NOT
BELIEVE HE SHOULD GO INTO MUCH DETAIL. WE SUGGESTED ON
CONTRARY MORE DETAIL WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL, PARTICULARLY
IF SPECIFICS GIVEN BY AREA INCLUDED VALUE OF ASSISTANCE
COORDINATED BY UNDRO. SPECIFIC UNDRO FUNDS ALLOCATED
FOR PRE-DISASTER PLANNING AND SPECIFIC PROJECTS ENVISAGED IN
THAT FIELD WOULD ALSO BE MOST HELPFUL, WE INDICATED.

3. RE POSSIBLE MOVE OF UNDRO TO NEW YORK, BERKOL
SAID QUESTION RECENTLY RAISED WITH HIM BY KOEHRING OF
USUN AND HE HAD BEEN CONSIDERING IT SEVERL MONTHS.
SAID HE NOT ABLE RENDER VALID JUDGMENT ON QUESTION YET
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SINCE HE CONSIDERED UNDRO NOT REPEAT NOT YET FULLY

OPERATIONAL DUE LACK OF PERSONNEL. HE AWAITING DECISION
BY ACABQ IN AUGUST ON REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL POSITIONS.

4. BERKOL SAID WHILE HE CAN SEE ADVANTAGES OF BEING CLOSE TO
CENTER OF UN AND LARGE FOUNDATIONS IN NEW YORK,
DISADVANTAGE OF UNDRO BEING REMOVED FROM CLOSE CONTACT
WITH INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS AND WHO IN GENEVA AS WELL AS
FAO MUST ALSO BE WEIGHED, AND IT TOO SOON TO MAKE ANY
DECISION. IN ANY CASE, BERKOL SAID, HE INFORMED
BY DAVIDSON OF UN HQ. THERE NO POSSIBILITY FINDING OFFICE
SPACE IN NEW YORK BEFORE 1975 WHEN NEW UNDP BUILDING
COMPLETION EXPECTED.

5. COMMENT: BERKOL GAVE IMPRESSION WHILE HE PERSONALLY
RELUCTANT SEE OFFICE MOVED FROM GENEVA DURING THIS YEAR,
WOULD NOT PUT UP STRONG FIGHT IF HE SAW U.S. AND OTHER
INFLUENTIAL COUNTRIES HAD DECIDED OFFICE SHOULD BE MOVED.

6. USDEL WILL IN NEXT FEW DAYS MAKE LOW KEY SOUNDINGS
WITH OTHER SELECTED DELS TO ASCERTAIN THEIR VIEWS RE UNDRO
MOVE TO NEW YORK AND REPORT RESULTS TO DEPT. BERKOL
BELIEVES DISCUSSION OF UNDRO IN ECOSOC WILL BE
JULY 26 OR 27. BASSIN

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